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UBP "Fujitsu IFOS-SV/U User's Guide," 88-96 (September 1993).
This article relates to an electronic check approval system and discloses a screen for selecting a person from whom delegation is given.

UBP "Fujitsu IFOS-SV/U V02 User's Guide," 23-26, 105-109 (August 1995).
This article relates to an electronic check approval system and discloses allowing a delegated person to approve all the checks of persons from whom delegation is given.

UBP "Fuji Technical Report," Vol. 71, No. 12, 673-676 (1998).
This article describes ExchangeUSE workflow. The workflow has functions of approval, progress management, and delegation. This article also discloses allowing the description of a workflow route definition.

UBP "Lotus Notes Magazine," Vol. 20, 51-56 (1998).
This article describes the I-NetJ workflow engine. It discloses a workflow template and a front-end database. The I-NetJ workflow database also includes a rolebase, conditional rolebase, organization database, and runtime definition.

UBP "Lotus Solutions 99," Windows NT World, Vols. 4 and 8, 268-269 (August 1999).
This article describes ISology for Domino. The described features include approval by manager, fixed route, etc.

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"Nikkei Open System," Vol. 54, 340-345 (September 1997).
 This article describes how to construct an intranet using Lotus Notes Domino. In particular, this article describes a manager approval route and fixed approval route.

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Mitsuo et al, "Electronic Decision System," Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 06-231143, Application No. 05-034404 (August 1994).
 This application is directed to an electronic decision system capable of deciding an application even if a decider is absent for a long period or a short period. A database 1 connected to a host computer stores application data 3, decision waiting data 5, and decision route data 7. When an operator inputs an ID number and a password from terminal equipment, the computer checks the inputted contents (12), and if the password is valid, retrieves the existence of an application to the computer itself, the application applied to the computer as a substitute, or the application applied to the computer as approval after an allowable prescribed period by using the ID number as a key (13). When the application concerned exists, the contents of the application are read out (14) and displayed on a display in the terminal equipment (15). In the case of submitting the application, the operator writes the decision history through a keyboard.

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